

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number

**UTILITY  
PATENT APPLICATION  
TRANSMITTAL**

(Only for new nonprovisional applications under 37 CFR 1.53(b))

Attorney Docket No.	VTI-001-1D
First Inventor	Aldon R. Reinhardt
Title	"ENERGY SYSTEM"
Express Mail Label No.	EO901670103US

093003 U.S. PTO  
10/6/2003

093003

**APPLICATION ELEMENTS**

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

**Commissioner for Patents**  
**Mail Stop Patent Application**  
**P.O. Box 1450**  
**Alexandria, VA 22313-1450**

- ☒ Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)  
(Submit an original, and a duplicate for fee processing)
- ☒ Applicant Claims small entity status.  
See 37 C.F.R. § 1.27.
- ☒ Specification [Total Pages 24]  
(preferred arrangement set forth below)
  - Descriptive title of the Invention
  - Cross References to Related Applications
  - Statement Regarding Fed-Sponsored R&D
  - Reference to sequence listing, a table, or a computer program listing appendix
  - Background of the Invention
  - Brief Summary of the Invention
  - Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
  - Detailed Description
  - Claim(s)
  - Abstract of the Disclosure
- ☒ Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. § 113) [Total Sheets 3]  
☐ Informal ☒ Formal
- ☒ Oath or Declaration [Total Pages 2]
  - ☐ Newly executed (original or copy)
  - ☒ Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d))  
(for continuation/divisional with Box 18 completed)
    - ☐ **DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)**  
Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).
- ☒ Application Data Sheet. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.76

- ☐ CD-ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or Computer Program (Appendix)
- Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission (if applicable, all necessary)
  - ☐ Computer Readable Form (CRF)
  - Specification Sequence Listing on:
    - ☐ CD-ROM or CD-R (2 copies); or
    - ☐ Paper
  - ☐ Statement verifying identity of above copies

**ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS**

- ☒ Assignment Papers (copy from Parent case)
- ☐ 37 CFR §3.73(b) Statement ☐ Power of Attorney  
(when there is an assignee)
- ☐ English Translation Document (if applicable)
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) PTO-1449 ☐ Copies of IDS Citations
- ☐ Preliminary Amendment
- ☒ Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503)  
(Should be specifically itemized)
- ☐ Certified Copy of Priority Document(s)  
(if foreign priority is claimed)
- ☐ Nonpublication Request under 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(i).  
Applicant must attach form PTO-SB-35 or its equivalent.
- ☐ Other:

**18. If a CONTINUING APPLICATION**, check appropriate box and supply the requisite information below and in a preliminary amendment, or in an Application Data Sheet under 37 C.F.R. § 1.76:

☐ Continuation ☒ Divisional ☐ Continuation-in-part (CIP) of prior application No. 09/953,024

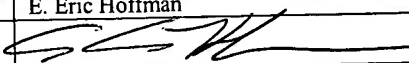
Prior application information: Examiner Jiping Lu Art Unit: 3749

For CONTINUATION or DIVISIONAL APPS only: The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which an oath or declaration is supplied under Box 5b, is considered a part of the disclosure of the accompanying continuation or divisional application and is hereby incorporated by reference. The incorporation can only be relied upon when a portion has been inadvertently omitted from the submitted application parts.

**19. CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS**

☒ Customer Number or Bar Code Label 0 2 2 8 8 8 or ☐ Correspondence address below

NAME					
ADDRESS					
CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE			
Country	Phone	+1 (925) 895-3545	FAX	+1 (925) 371-8187	

Name (Print/Type)	E. Eric Hoffman	Registration No. (Attorney/Agent)	38,186
Signature		Date	September 30, 2003

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.53(b). The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 12 minutes to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Mail Stop Patent Application, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 and select option 2.

## FEE TRANSMITTAL for FY 2003

*Effective 01/01/2003. Patent fees are subject to annual revision.*

☒ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.27

**TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT** (\$) **375.00**

### Complete if Known

Application Number	Filed Herewith
Filing Date	9/30/2003
First Named Inventor	Aldon R. Reinhardt
Examiner Name	Jiping Lu (Parent case)
Art Unit	3749 (Parent case)
Attorney Docket Number	VTI-001-1D

### METHOD OF PAYMENT (check one)

1. ☒ The Director is authorized to charge indicated fees and credit any over payments to:

Deposit Acct. No. **50-0574 (Docket No. VTI-001-1D)**

Deposit Acct Name **Bever, Hoffman & Harms, LLP**

☒ Charge Any Additional Fee Required Under 37 CFR § 1.16 & 1.17

2. ☐ Payment Enclosed:

☐ Check ☐ Credit Card ☐ Money Order ☐ Other

### FEE CALCULATION

#### 1. BASIC FILING FEE

Large Fee Code	Entity Fee (\$)	Small Fee Code	Entity Fee (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
1001	750	2001	375	Utility filing fee	375.00
1002	330	2002	165	Design filing fee	
1003	520	2003	260	Plant filing fee	
1004	750	2004	375	Reissue filing fee	
1005	160	2005	80	Provisional filing fee	
<b>SUBTOTAL (1)</b>					<b>(\$)</b> <b>375.00</b>

#### 2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE

	Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
Total Claims <b>11</b>	-20** = <b>0</b>	x <b>9.00</b>	= <b>00.00</b>
Independent Claims <b>1</b>	-3** = <b>0</b>	x <b>42.00</b>	= <b>00.00</b>
Multiple Dependent		<b>140.00</b>	= <b>00.00</b>

\*\*or number previously paid, if greater; For Reissues, see below

Large Fee Code	Entity Fee (\$)	Small Fee Code	Entity Fee (\$)	Fee Description
1202	18	2202	9	Claims in excess of 20
1201	84	2201	42	Independent claims in excess of 3
1203	280	2203	140	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
1204	84	2204	42	**Reissue independent claims over original patent
1205	18	2205	9	**Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

**SUBTOTAL (2)** (\$) **00.00**

### FEE CALCULATION (continued)

#### 3. ADDITIONAL FEES


Large Fee Code	Entity Fee (\$)	Small Fee Code	Entity Fee (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
1051	130	2051	65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
1052	50	2052	25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
1053	130	1053	130	Non-English specification	
1812	2,520	1812	2,520	For filing a request for <i>ex parte</i> reexamination	
1804	920*	1804	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
1805	1,840*	1805	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
1251	110	2251	55	Extension for reply within first month	
1252	410	2252	205	Extension for reply within second month	
1253	930	2253	465	Extension for reply within third month	
1254	1450	2254	725	Extension for reply within fourth month	
1255	1,970	2255	985	Extension for reply within fifth month	
1401	320	2401	160	Notice of Appeal	
1402	320	2402	160	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
1403	280	2403	140	Request for oral hearing	
1451	1,510	1451	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
1452	110	2452	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
1453	1,300	2453	650	Petition to revive - unintentional	
1501	1,300	2501	650	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
1502	470	2502	235	Design issue fee	
1503	630	2503	315	Plant issue fee	
1460	130	1460	130	Petitions to the Commissioner	
1807	50	1807	50	Petitions related to provisional applications	
1806	180	1806	180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
8021	40	8021	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
1809	750	2809	375	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a))	
1810	750	2810	375	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))	
1801	750	2801	375	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	
1802	900	1802	900	Request for expedited examination of a design application	

Other fee (Specify) \_\_\_\_\_

\* Reduced by Basic Filing Fee Paid

**SUBTOTAL (3)** (\$) **00.00**

### SUBMITTED BY

Name (Print/Type)	E. Eric Hoffman	Registration No. (Attorney/Agent)	38,186	Telephone	(925) 895-3545
Signature		Date	9-30-03	Date	9/30/2003

### Complete (if applicable)